

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF
MALCOLM RICHARD BOYD

APPLICATION NO:

FILED:

FOR: NUCLEOSIDE ANALOGS IN COMBINATION THERAPY OF
HERPES SIMPLEX INFECTIONS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of this application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, after the title and before the first paragraph, please insert the following: --This application is a continuation of Serial No. 09/117,154, filed on July 24, 1998.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-6 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 7 - 22 as follows:

7. A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a nucleoside analogue active against herpes simplex virus selected from the group consisting of penciclovir and famciclovir, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof and an effective amount of a pharmaceutically acceptable immunosuppressant.
8. A method of treatment or prophylaxis of herpes simplex virus infections in a human in need thereof, which method comprises administering to said human, an effective amount of a nucleoside analogue active against herpes simplex virus selected from the group consisting of penciclovir and famciclovir, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof and an effective amount of a pharmaceutically acceptable immunosuppressant.